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Dining Workers Win at Northeastern!

After voting to approve a potential strike, Northeastern University Dining Workers reached a tentative agreement with the University this Monday. Inspired by the 22-day strike at Harvard University last fall, Northeastern Dining Workers fought for the same two core demands: a $35,000 a year for full-time work and affordable health care. In an astounding vote of 316-2, the Unite Here Local 26 members authorized a strike, in the absence of a fair offer. We are happy to announce that a tentative agreement was reached, thus averting the need for a strike. Thank you to faculty and community members for getting involved to ensure dining workers are paid a living wage. Read more about this hard-earned victory **here**!

Major Victories for Tufts Lecturers!

One day before a massive faculty walkout, part-time faculty at Tufts University reached a tentative agreement on their second contract with the administration. SEIU Local 509 represents 240 part-time lecturers at Tufts, ever since they voted to unionize in April 2014. After seven months of negotiations between the administration and the faculty union, the proposed five-year contract achieves fairer pay, better job security, more paid professional development opportunities, and other benefits.

The tentative agreement is hard won; today's settlement was achieved after public pressure on the Tufts administration to reach a fair contract and the imminent threat of tomorrow's massive walkout.

Among the historic gains in the contract, highlights include:

- **Significant pay increases:** Over half of the part-time faculty will see a raise of 22.5% over the life of the contract. Others will receive a minimum 12.5% pay increase during this contract.

- **Job Security and Professional Courtesy:** There will be stronger provisions governing the review and appointment process. Faculty will receive earlier notification if their contract will not be renewed, giving them adequate time to find other employment.

- **Professional Development:** Tufts will expand the eligibility criteria to improve access to fund for paid professional development opportunities for faculty.

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COLLECT SIGNATURES FOR A $15 MINIMUM WAGE AND MORE

Tomorrow, October 11th, is a state-wide day of action for signature collection with RaiseUp! Contact our Program Associate at **elie.nejlc@gmail.com** for details on how to participate in fighting for a $15 minimum wage and paid family and medical leave.

We hope to see you at these events.

Sincerely yours,
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